

Present: Dan Catlin, Joey Campbell, Kelly Wilson, Scot Pectol, Clark Fawcett, Merlin Spendlove

Staff: Darrel Humphries, Melissa Stewart, Fay Reber

Audience: Jeff Beckman (Bowen Collins), London Saxton (Corollo)

Prayer & Pledge: Kelly Wilson

Public Comments: None

The Board had no conflicts of interest to declare.

Motion by Joey Campbell to approve the minutes from September 24, 2026. Second by Scot Pectol. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Fay had no legal matters to discuss.

Darrel Humphries presented a review of the 2026 review budget and the 2027 preliminary budget. Interest earned was lower due to the arbitrage payment made earlier in the year. Revenues will be affected by the retirement of some assets this coming year. Depreciation of assets will almost double revenues due to the new treatment facility

Monthly sewer payments will increase by 5% again in 2027. This is an annual increase that was approved by the board previously.

Ash Creek is currently not planning on hiring any new employees for the 2027 year. Based on a wage study, the District is requesting a 3.6 cost of living increase and 1.4 wage increase spread evenly for a total of a 5% wage increase for the 2027 year.

Confluence Park Water Reclamation Facility is showing under budget for the year due to the late start date in March. Insurance for Ash Creek, however, increased due to the new treatment facility.

Darrel opened the discussion for questions about the budget. There were no questions from the board.

Capital projects are going to be heavy this next coming year. The lagoon budget will slowly be phased out as we transition to a treatment facility.

The MOU with Hurricane Valley fire is still under review. Ash Creek will send a copy of the MOU to the insurance company for review. The District is asking to table the discussion on this item for now.

Motion by Joey Campbell to table the MOU with Hurricane Valley Fire. Second by Clark Fawcett. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion and possible motion approving the altered agreement with Litehouse for wastewater discharge. We need the board's approval for the change in the agreement.

Scot Pectol asked how often the Litehouse agreement comes up for review. Darrel responded that it is reviewed every five years unless there is a need for a review sooner.

Motion by Scot Pectol to approve the Litehouse agreement. Second by Joey Campbell. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Discussion about the Silver Cliffs MOU was dismissed due to no needed changes within the agreement.

The Superintendent's report was presented by Darrel. The District is in good shape with the recent flooding. Ash Creek's crew were out in the weather all day helping with the needed cleanup.

The Harrisburg pump station flooded so the District rebuilt the berms. This is the second time this has happened since Ash Creek has owned the pump station.

The District has had one complaint from a resident near one of our easements. Ash Creek responded quickly. There were some flood waters that came from the easement into the resident's yard but no damage was done.

Scot Pectol commented he was down by the treatment plant today and the smell was worse than usual. He asked if the heavy rain causes more odors due to an increase in flow. Darrel responded that the treatment plant is equipped to take on extra water. The dirt getting into the system can affect the smell. The District is working on maintaining odor eliminators and cleaning the lines. Ash Creek has been testing different chemicals that will help with odors without effecting the treatment plant.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19